

Membership Committee Meeting (via phone conference)
January 15th 2013
7:30pm

Members present: Betsy Mahoney, Chair; Susan Tulis, Jacob Roskovensky, Nina Wunderlich, Ellen Popit, Membership Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

Nina made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 19th meeting, seconded by Susan. All approved.

Ellen reported on the progress of the SUSI certification process. Everything has been going well so far. Ellen has sent email reminders to the public and academic library members. Next, Ellen will send out emails to the schools. The emails will go to the staff and superintendent. The contact information for the schools is from the ISBE. Jacob suggested sending out a reminder for school libraries through ISLMA as well. After two weeks of the certification, 7 library responses have been flagged as “unexpected results”. Ellen is following up with each library. Most of the problems reported were inconsistent funding or insufficient staff levels. One of the flagged responses was a mistake that will library has corrected. Libraries have been calling both IHLS and ISL with questions regarding the process.

There have been a few challenges with the certification process. The state prison libraries have been difficult to get in touch with. Ellen found a contact within the continuing education department at the Department of Corrections. Ellen will send a letter and continue to keep in contact. Also library members with multiple accounts have had questions about who completes the process. Academic libraries with multiple libraries will certify under one corporate authority. There have been weekly phone calls with RAILS and ISL to make sure all questions are being answered uniformly. Pat Boze at ISL wants to make sure IHLS documents all the follow ups with libraries flagged through the process.

Last fall the committee discussed the putting application forms for new members and the building profiles online. The new automation platform has slowed the process of getting the forms online; however it should be ready this summer. In the mean time, any potential member will fill out a paper application. Any new school applicant will need to fill out a building profile for each library in the district. ISL wants to make sure all new library members have consistent funding to support the library.

Jacob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.